Bradford 21st 1883

My Dear Son,

Received your very nicely written letter, also two packages of papers from you. Grandpa does not take the Tribune. I don't see how he lives without it. To-day we attended Methodist Church, heard a very good sermon. It is terribly windy, has blown a perfect gale for 24 hours. Yesterday Grandpa and I took a sleighride. Called on Mrs. Switzer and intended to call at Capt. Robison's, but when we came back it snowed very fast and there was no shelter for the horse there, so we drove to Uncle William's and put the horse in there out of the storm. We spent an hour and then came home. All there as usual. Aunt said Uncle Belden was back in New Orleans after visiting San Antonio and Galveston.

Last evening I took my box of trinkets up to the Rectory where they are to have the Fair. Saw everybody there connected with the work and saw most of the presents. They have many pretty things and have the rooms trimmed quite prettily with evergreens. I saw Miss Heist yesterday. Mr. Tompkins called and then Mr. Osgoods and saw her, where she was giving lessons to a number of scholars who meet her there. On opening this sheet I find I have written on two instead of the one I began on. So Grandpa said cut them in two to save my time. By turning the cut edges together you will see how it happened to be paged so oddly. Aunt Celina has been sick in bed ever since I came. I am very sorry for her and it worries Grandma some. Tell Papa I received his good letter last night and will immediately open a correspondence with Uncle Willard in regard to visiting him on my way back. If I go there, will not leave here until a week from next Monday. Seems lonely to me here. I think of you all evenings and my own dear family and home seem very pleasant and bright to me. I had a long play with Don this morning and he has left several scratches on my hand. I will write to Augusta next, hope she will write to me. This is for all to read. How is Grandma and has Mrs. Canfield come. Love to all.

Affc. Your Mother
G.C.M.

Don't do anything about your scrap-book until I come. Mrs. Robie sends you more cards and told me about a book.

Mama

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THQ notes:

Uncle William -- probably William S. Knapp (1814-1901), husband of William E. Crane's sister Emily Crane (1815-1891)

Uncle Belden -- Arzor Belden Crane (1830-1894), William E. Crane's brother

Aunt Celina -- Celina Morse (1820), sister of Hannah Morse